CHAPTER XXX THE CORONATION OP NAPOLEON I[1]

The Pope's Perplexities — Arrival of Pius VII at Fontainebleau — Arrangements for the Coronation — Ecclesiastical Marriage of Napoleon and Josephine — The Procession to Notre Dame — The Coronation — Significance of the Act — Disenchantment of the Pope — A Presage of War — Europe Prepared — The Rise of National Feeling — Prosperity of France — Literature in France — The New Coalition — Napoleon King of Italy.

PARIS had not been agreeably impressed by the spectacle of the imperial court held at Aachen, and when there appeared in the "Moniteur" a shrewd reminder that the seat of Roman empire had been permanently transferred to a Greek city, the feeling of disquiet was heightened to the desired point. The Parisians were therefore not disinclined to exhibit an enthusiastic loyalty on the unique occasion of the coronation. The sometime atheist, later Oriental hero and son of heaven, quasi-Mohammedan and destroyer of the papacy, but now for some years past the professed admirer of Christianity, had recently been addressed by Pius VII, in the form used in addressing legitimate rulers, as his "son in Christ Jesus/' Having gone so far as this climax, the Pope's scruples finally disappeared,

1 As before. Fontaine etPercier: reur, 1804-1815; Botta: Storia Le Sacre de Napoleon; Masson: d'ltalia; the Memoirs of Consalvi, Napoleon et sa famille; Wei- Montgaillard, and Bigarre"; Lum- schinger: Le divorce de Napoleon; broso: Napoleone 1° e 1'Inghilterra; Artaud de Montor: Vie de Pie VII; Marmottan: Le royaume d'fitmrie. Welschinger: Le pape et Pempe-